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Advice to All Parents - Single case – Year 1

Dear Parents,

We have been made aware of a member of your child's year group who have tested positive for COVID 19.

This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice. Please be reassured that for most children, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

From this new academic year, children under 18 years 6 months who may be identified as close contacts of a positive case will now not be required to self-isolate. Instead, you may be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed your child has been in close contact with a positive case and advised that they take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if they are advised to do so. However, please note that children under 5 years old are only eligible for a PCR test as a close contact of a positive case within their own household.

You can find out to get a test here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

PCR covid tests for children without symptoms should be undertaken outside the school day. If your child has not developed COVID-19 symptoms they will not need to self-isolate pending the result. A PCR test **should not** be arranged if they have previously received a positive PCR test result in the last 90 days, unless they develop any new symptoms of COVID-19. It is possible for PCR tests to remain positive for some time after COVID-19 infection.

Please select **one** of two options when you are asked why they are asking for a test:

Why are you asking for a test?

If you are getting a test for someone you live with, answer for them

- I've been in contact with someone who's tested positive for coronavirus
- I was asked to get a test because I visited a venue where others have since tested positive
- I've been told to get a test by my nursery, work or place of education
- I've been told to get a test by my local council, health protection team or healthcare professional

or

- None of the above

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- I've been told to get a test by my local council, health protection team or healthcare professional

- My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms

- A GP or other healthcare professional has asked me to get a test

or

- None of the above

At this time, no further action is required. The school and your child's class remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

I have written this update to inform you of the changing situation with regards to managing Covid-19 within schools. Schools have been advised that it is not necessary to inform parents of every individual case of Covid-19 which is reported at school. Therefore I will only contact you again if there are any further confirmed positive cases within your child's class if 10 days have elapsed from the first case.

Yours sincerely



Mrs N Kelly
Headteacher